

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

An optical switch includes a first wavedguide holding member and a second waveguide holding member disposed on a substrate. The first waveguide holding  
5 member moves relative to the second waveguide holding member. A movement guiding member guides the motion of the first waveguide holding member and the substrate.

Advantageously, the first waveguide holding member moves transversely relative to the second waveguide holding member. The traverse motion enables selective coupling between a waveguide in the first waveguide holding member and a waveguide  
10 in the second holding member. Through this transverse motion of the second waveguide holding member, an optical switching action may be implemented.